

ANGLE FOR PEACE

London Hears Persistent Reports—Movement Centers in Switzerland

BERLIN STRIKE CONTINUES

LONDON, April 18.—The German alliance is weaker than at any time since its formation. Dispatches received here today said that the peace agitation in Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey is growing. Germany's allies, it was stated, were making financial demands which could not be satisfied.

LONDON, April 18.—Reports persisted here today that Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey were all angling for separate peace agreements with the Entente through secret emissaries. The move was said to center in Switzerland. No confirmation was obtainable here.

If Germany cleans house by making widespread reforms, peace negotiations may begin this year, in the opinion of Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft and one of the foremost publicists in Germany.

The Times today gives a big display of Doctor Harden's article on the possibility for peace and it indicates that the German editor is assuming a good share of the leadership in the movement for real political and social reforms in Germany.

Doctor Harden's view is that Germany's salvation now lies in the direction of reform—a lesson taught by the Russian revolution.

The Easter rescript of the Kaiser is openly scored by the German editor, who demands real reforms. In concluding his article the Times quotes Doctor Harden as saying:

"Our fate depends not on bits of territory which European States can no longer take away from one another and can no longer hold to their own permanent advantage, but upon the acquisition of history, spiritual values. Estimate the conscience of mankind and light up the German house also. What the enemy demands too loudly, but what we in secret feel to be a necessity, will come to pass. The will of the people will be free and Germany will know for what the dearest children of her bosom are dying and suffering."

Count von Reventlow, famous German naval critic, is attacking Doctor Zimmermann, German Foreign Minister, in the Berlin press, saying that the peace overture to Russia was "as idiotic as the Mexican affair."

BERLIN (via London), April 18.—Resignation of the Austrian Minister of Commerce, Doctor Urban, and of Dr. von Bartheimer, Minister with the portfolio, was announced in Vienna dispatches received here today. Both are members of German parties.

Great significance may be attached to these resignations, since the Ministers were "members of German parties." It is possible that the German and Austrian censorship is concealing considerable anti-German feeling in Austria and that the resignations of two men belonging to German political parties is due to this cause.

Other reports from sources not affected by the Teutonic censorship persisted in rumors that Austria is seeking a separate peace.

AMSTERDAM, April 18.—Attempts by the German Government to stop the labor agitation so far have failed. A message from Berlin today said that munitions factories were crippled by strikes.

The Berliner Tageblatt was quoted as saying that a number of munitions makers had quit, but that "effective measures were being taken."

It was estimated that from 125,000 to 150,000 German workmen were on strike in Berlin and its environs, but some had promised to return to work despite the protests of their leaders.

DUTCH SOCIALISTS OFF FOR MEETING IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, by way of London, April 18.—A telegram from Camille Huysmans, of Belgium, to Hjalmar Branting, says:

"The Holland delegation in the International Socialist Bureau's executive committee, which has identified itself with the expressed ideas of M. Kerenski (Russian Minister of Justice) and President Wilson, has decided to come to Stockholm to organize an international conference, in which the majorities and minorities as well shall be represented. I am coming with them."

Branting is the leader of the Socialists in the Swedish Parliament. Huysmans is secretary of the International Socialist League.

WASHINGTON EXPECTS RUSSIA TO STAND FIRM

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Government officials here expressed the view today that Russia will stand steadfast with the Entente Allies.

Peace pressure, studiously manifested by Germany, is merely propaganda they believe to which the new democracy will not listen.

Some military men disagreed today with this view, but affairs are so shaping themselves that with America's assistance Russia will probably force forward to a new strong position in the war.

The new regime in Russia probably will send here as its Ambassador Baron Rosen, a man of liberal views, to succeed Ambassador Bakhmeteff, resigned. Rosen's name has been informally communicated to the State Department.

NEW YORK'S MEMORIAL OF "LEXINGTON DAY"

Will Begin at Midnight With Chimes Echoing Those That Marked Paul Revere's Ride

NEW YORK, April 18.—The stillness of downtown New York will be broken at midnight by the chimes of Old Trinity, ringing New Yorkers to America's new fight for freedom and democracy, as the bells of Old North Church roused Boston on the night of Paul Revere's ride.

The chimes will be the first note of a long celebration of the anniversary of Lexington as "Wake Up America Day."

While aeroplanes from Governor's Island drop over the city, dropping printed appeals for recruits, thousands of marchers, among whom women and children, will parade Fifth Avenue in a grand patriotic demonstration.

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PRESIDENT WILSON SEEKS TO HEAL SPLIT ON THE DRAFT BILL

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Kentucky; Quinn, Missouri; Gordon, Ohio; Schellenberger, Nebraska; Caldwell, New York; Wise, Georgia; Nichols, South Carolina; Garrett, Tennessee; Anthony, Kansas; Morin, Pennsylvania and Hull, Iowa.

The subcommittee appointed to draft a provision that would reconcile a demand for volunteer service with conscription reported back to the full committee at 1 o'clock that it was unable to agree and asked for extension of time.

When the full committee receives the report of the subcommittee it will be joined by Representative Davidson, of Wisconsin, named a member of the committee. It is expected that he will support the Administration proposals as against any form of compromise.

Administration leaders were distinctly chagrined over the fact that President Wilson had the support of only three Democrats—Olney, of Massachusetts; Dunn, of New York, a new member, and Harrison, of Virginia—for the selective draft provision of the military bill. They also called attention to the fact that all of the Southern members with the exception of Harrison were lined up against the measure.

The result in the committee again emphasized that if the President's war program is to be adopted throughout he will need much Republican support in many instances.

SENATE MILITARY COMMITTEE VOTES TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT'S ARMY BILL

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Senate Military Affairs Committee voted to recommend the passage of the general staff selective draft bill in substantially the form asked by the army general staff.

The committee selected all important amendments, including that of Senator McKellar authorizing the President to call for 500,000 volunteers in addition to the troops to be raised by selective draft. The vote to report the measure was 10 to 7.

The military bill will be taken up as soon as the espionage measures are disposed of.

The army bill as reported to the Senate authorizes the President to raise by draft the necessary number of men to fill the regular army and National Guard to war strength and to create an additional force of 500,000 enlisted men.

"Such draft," the bill provides, "shall be based upon liability to military service of all male citizens, or all male persons who have declared their intention to become citizens, between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five years."

Authority for exemption of Government employees, pilots, mariners, persons engaged in agriculture or industries necessary to the conduct of the war, those having dependents, those morally and physically deficient and members of religious societies opposed to war, from military service, is contained in the measure.

PRESIDENT, BENT ON CONSCRIPTION, TRIES TO FORCE ACTION BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, April 18.—In order to use his personal influence with Senators and Representatives to force passage of the army bill, carrying with it his plan of selective conscription, President Wilson went to the Capitol at noon today. He at once got into touch with the various leaders and discussed with them the army bill and all of the pending Administration war measures.

It was made plain to the leaders by the President that he was desirous that all of the bills now under consideration be passed as soon as possible. He is especially hopeful that the espionage and censorship measures be adopted in order that the Department of Justice can carry out plans now hanging fire.

Among other matters the President also talked over with the House leaders the proposed revenue bill designed to raise a billion and three-quarters annually.

The President established headquarters in his office just off the Senate chamber.

WILSON PLANS TO HAVE 500,000 DRAFTED MEN IN CAMP BY AUGUST

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Five hundred thousand drafted men in military training camps by August 1.

That is the plan of the War Department as disclosed to the Senate Committee on Military Affairs today by Secretary of War Baker.

It is the first time that the officials of the department have disclosed the date at which they have planned to have the first increment of 500,000 men drawn into the service under the selective draft system actually in